

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #83-6 Building Date: ca. 1785
Building Name: Strawberry Hill
Location: 14300 John Clagett Drive, Accokeek

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Clagett House, called Strawberry Hill, was moved from Charles County to its present site in southern Prince George's County and restored/renovated from 1965-70. The house is frame, two-and-one-half- stories with a simple rectangular plan, steeply pitched wood shingle gable roof, and double exterior brick chimneys on the north and south gable ends. The west (entrance) facade has three bays on the first story and four on the second. The central entrance has four octagonal panels, a three light transom and a central one bay entrance porch. All windows on the facade have louvered shutters. The wide horizontal wood siding is painted white. The north and south gable ends have the massive corbelled brick chimneys flanking the roof ridge, set in common bond with prominent weathering, and brick pents. The pent on the south facade has an entrance through it. The east (rear) facade has three asymmetrical bays with the same cornice and window treatment as the front. There is a central rear entrance. There is a one-and-one-half-story gable roof frame outbuilding south of the house. It has a steep, wood shingle roof, a box cornice, a central entrance on the north gable end and a massive brick exterior chimney.

Significance

Strawberry Hill, situated on part of Market Overton, was probably built ca. 1785 by Richard Clagett (1736-1799), the great grandson of Captain Thomas Clagett of Weston. The property remained the Clagett's from 1782 to 1891. The property was acquired by American Builders and Development Company in 1967, for the development of the Strawberry Hills Estates subdivision. In 1965, the house and several outbuildings were moved by descendants of Richard Clagett to Accokeek in Prince George's County. Strawberry Hill was located on a private road entered from Marshall Hall Road (Md. Route 227) in Charles County. Before its move it was an important part of the history of the Bryan's Road - Marshall Hall area. The house is significant for its eighteenth century vernacular style and its connection with the Clagett family, a family of longstanding in southern Maryland, in both Prince George's and Charles Counties.

Acreage:

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Strawberry Hill

and/or common Strawberry Hill

2. Location

street & number 14300 John Clagett Drive ___ not for publication

city, town Accokeek ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Camillus Clagett

street & number 2208 Floral Park Road telephone no.:

city, town Clinton, state and zip code MD. 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Md. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan Inventory

date July 1981 ___ federal ___ state ☒ county ___ local

repository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Claggett House, also called Strawberry Hill, was moved from Charles County to its present site in the Accokeek area in 1965 and restored/renovated by 1970. It is attractively sited off the road on a small peninsula jutting into Piscataway Creek, with water on two sides. The house is frame, two-and-one-half-stories with a simple rectangular plan and a steeply pitched wood shingle gable roof. There are double exterior brick chimneys with one-story pents on the north and south gable ends.

The west (entrance) facade has three bays on the first story and four on the second. The central entrance has four octagonal panels and a three light transom. The central one bay entrance porch has a pedimented, wood shingle gable roof with a frieze and a dentiled cornice.

The two first story 6/6 windows flanking the entrance do not align with the four windows on the second story, directly under the dentiled, boxed cornice. All windows on the facade have louvered shutters.

Strawberry Hill has wide horizontal wood siding, painted white. It is set on a brick foundation. The north and south gable ends are dominated by the corbelled brick chimneys with one-story pents flanking the roof ridge. They are connected by a brick pent with a wood shingle shed roof. The rear chimney of each pair is slightly smaller and lower. They are set in common bond and have prominent weathering. The chimney pent on the north facade has a small, four light window. The pent on the south facade has an entrance through it. There is a 6/6 window centered in the upper gable on the north and south facades.

The east (rear) facade has three asymmetrical bays with the same cornice and window treatment as the front. There is a central rear entrance.

There is a one-and-one-half-story gable roof frame outbuilding set on a brick foundation, directly south of the house. It has a steep, wood shingle roof, a boxed cornice, a central entrance on the north gable end and a massive brick exterior chimney with chimney wings on the south gable end.

8. Significance

Survey No.

P.G. #83-6

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates**Builder/Architect**check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although no absolute construction date has been assigned to it, Strawberry Hill was probably built ca. 1785 by Richard Clagett. Clagett (1736-1799) was the great grandson of Captain Thomas Claget of Weston, near Upper Marlboro.¹ Clagett acquired a part of a tract called Market Overton in Charles County in 1782 and probably built the house soon thereafter.² The property remained in the Clagett family from 1782 to 1891, and then was bought by the Bryans, close relatives, of the Clagetts. The property was acquired by American Builders and Development Company in 1965, for the development of the Strawberry Hills Estates subdivision.³ The house and several outbuildings were partially dismantled and moved by descendants of Richard Clagett to the present location in Accokeek, Prince George's County.

Strawberry Hill was located at the north end of a mile-long private road entered from the east side of Marshall Hall Road (Md. Route 227) in Charles County, about one-and-one-half miles north of the intersection of Maryland Routes 227 and 210 at Bryan's Road.⁴ Before its move it was an important part of the history of the Bryan's Road - Marshall Hall area as the only example of its particular plan as an original form.⁵

Changes in the building after its move included the removal of a three-bay entrance porch running the full length of the north facade. The present summer kitchen was a granary that stood not far from the house on its original site. A frame kitchen formerly attached to the present west gable end was not rebuilt.

The house is significant for its eighteenth century vernacular style and its connection with the Clagett family, a family of longstanding in southern Maryland, in both Prince George's and Charles Counties.

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Notes

1 From Site Inventory Form CHAS-127, Strawberry Hill, by J. Richard Rivoire.

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.

4 Ibid.

5 Ibid.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: STRAWBERRY HILL					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Farmington Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Accokeek					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Camillus B. Claggett					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Piscataway			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure moved to the site from Charles County. The main (west) facade is three bays with a central transom-lighted doorway. The door is of heavily moulded Italianate design. The second floor has an additional window between the center and south windows. The present glazing is 6/6 double hung sash, both upstairs and down. Beneath the boxed cornice is a dentilled frieze. The A-roofed porch has square columns supporting a frieze, dentil course, and pediment.

At either end are double end-chimneys with pents. The bases rise two stories to free standing stacks. Just below the weatherings, two courses of bricks corbel out slightly; the weatherings are two stretchers in height and carry a double course base before the narrower stack. The chimney caps are corbelled out in three courses.

The rear (east) facade is also three bays with a central double doorway.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humon- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 16 Apr. 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PISCATAWAY CREEK

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Zoning

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Strawberry Hill

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Strawberry Hill

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Strawberry Hill

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

Northeast elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Marina King

April 1985

East elevation - outbuilding

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Strawberry Hill

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #83-6

Strawberry Hill

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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LOCATION OFF FARMINGTON RD ACCOKEEK, MD

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